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SPECIAL CITIZENS NIGHT OPEN HOUSE PLANNED DURING INTERNATIONAL BIOENERGY CONFERENCE

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Idahoans interested in bioenergy issues will get a once-in-a-lifetime chance to meet international experts in the field and to view first hand a wide variety of bioenergy exhibits and displays at a special "Citizens Night" open house during the Bioenergy 2002 conference in Boise later this month, the Idaho Energy Division announced today.

Citizens Night will be held September 23 (Monday) from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Boise Centre on the Grove. Admission is free.

The Boise Centre on the Grove will be filled with a variety of bioenergy exhibits and poster displays hosted by the international scientists and experts attending the conference. There will also be a series of special short presentations plus question and answer sessions by experts in the fields of anaerobic digestion, ethanol & biodiesel, and gasification.

"If you are interested in bioenergy, it simply doesn't get any better than this Citizens Night. No matter what your bioenergy interest – from anaerobic digestion to ethanol to using straw to generate electricity - this will be the chance to learn more about the topic and to have your questions answered by the top international experts in the field," said John Crockett, of the Idaho Energy Division.

Bioenergy 2002 brings together more than 300 experts and scientists from 30 countries at the biannual international conference. The conference begins September 22 and runs through September 26. It is being hosted by the Idaho Energy Division, the University of Idaho, the U.S. Department of Energy and the Pacific Regional Biomass Energy Program.

For more information about Citizens Night, contact the Idaho Energy Hotline at (800) 334-SAVE (7283). For more information about Bioenergy 2002, log on to the conference web site at: www.bioenergy2002.org.